

ATTACK ON CRONSTADT FEARED BY AUTOGRATS

**Cannonading Keeps up All Night
and Day at Sveaborg From
Fleet and Batteries.**

REBELS CAPTURE BALTIC SHIPS

**Government Anxiously Awaits News
From Seat of War—No Estimate
of Number of Dead Given Out—
Rumors From Helsingfors Says
Revolutionists Have Surrendered.**

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 1, (2:15 a. m.)—St. Petersburg is anxiously awaiting news from yesterday's battle between the mutineers and the government forces at Sveaborg. No definite information has been received here owing to the damage done to the land telegraph wires. The advice received by the government by wireless telegraph have not been divulged. The utmost importance is attached to the conduct of the fleet. According to semi-official intimation the crews of these vessels are still under control of their officers, but private advices say that a portion of the crews have been confined below decks for fear of mutiny.

Fleet to Attack Cronstadt.
There was a rumor in circulation here tonight that four of the ships of the Baltic Squadron were in complete mutiny and roaming at large in the Gulf of Finland and that the commandant at Cronstadt had been notified to be prepared for an attack by these vessels.

It is worthy of note that a despatch to an official agency from Helsingfors announcing the arrival of the fleet off Sveaborg and the fact that it opened fire does not mention what it opened fire against.

Grand Duke Not There.
Vice-Admiral Biraloff, presumably has gone to Helsingfors to assume personal command of the fleet, as it now develops that Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch, the Emperor's brother, is not with the fleet, as previously reported.

The most anxiety still prevails with regard to a possible uprising at Cronstadt and the general spread of the revolt through the entire naval establishment. A personal visit by a correspondent of the Associated Press to Cronstadt, however, shows that the authorities there received timely warning of the events at Sveaborg and nipped a possible revolt in the bud.

1,500 Sailors Imprisoned.
Yesterday morning the 1,500 sailors composing the Seventh equipage, located at Cronstadt, whose loyalty had been distrusted found themselves prisoners. The correspondent saw them looking out of the windows of their barracks and unable to communicate with the outside.

The streets of Cronstadt are swarming with troops of loyal guard regiments and the newly arrived men of the Twenty-Fourth Division, who serve to awe the disaffected elements.

A group of agitators who went over to Cronstadt in the same boat with the correspondent of the Associated Press attempted to hold meetings and communicate news of the Sveaborg happenings.

They were dispersed, however, and fled before the leveled rifles of the soldiers.

GOVERNOR LOSES HIS NERVE.

Warsaw Under Absolute Control of Mob Rule.

WARSAW, Aug. 1.—It is stated here that in view of the recent outrages in and around Warsaw, the increased energy of the revolutionaries and the inadequacy of the repressive measures now in force the governor-general has informed the government at St. Petersburg, in emphatic terms, that he will resign unless he is permitted to establish a strict state of siege.

It is probable that the government will accept his resignation, as a con-

tinuation of the present state of affairs is impossible.

The secret printing works, here, which published all newspapers and proclamations which have been printed and which was recently discovered by the police, is a large and well-supplied plant. The presses are driven by electricity. Several thousand copies of proclamations by the outlawed parliament were found. Twenty arrests were made.

WHITE FLAG RAISED.

Cruisers Concentrate Fire Upon the Fortifications at Sveaborg.

HELSINGFORS, Aug. 2.—12:40 a. m.—A rumor of the surrender of the entire mutinous force at Sveaborg was brought over to Helsingfors by the postmaster at Sveaborg. It is impossible to confirm this rumor here.

The fire from the cruisers has seriously damaged the fortifications.

There has been no firing for the last two hours.

The mutineers have failed in their efforts to secure provisions.

The Alva, another cruiser, has arrived and is at present engaged in bombarding the mutinous battery on Sveaborg Island.

It is rumored that the revolutionists on one of the islands have raised the white flag. It is impossible to communicate with the islands.

Some excitement has been caused in town by the arrest of several members of the "Red Guard" and other revolutionists.

CANNONADING CONTINUOUS.

Magazine Blown Up—Many Buildings Are Fired.

HELSINGFORS, Aug. 1.—5 p. m.—There has been continuous sharp cannonading at Sveaborg since noon. The smoke from burning buildings is visible here.

During the afternoon a rain of shrapnel was poured into the sea in the vicinity of Lönna Island, where a cruiser is stationed. Troops are pouring into Helsingfors.

The powder magazine in the possession of the insurgents has exploded. It is impossible to determine how this will affect the mutiny.

TELEGRAPH LINES PROTECTED.

Offices in St. Petersburg Are Guarded by Troops.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 1.—11:50

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UNION MEN STRIKE BACK

Dispatcher Arrested for Discriminating Against Operators.

L. & N. OFFICIAL HELD FOR TRIAL

Organized Labor Takes Up Fight of the Telegraphers for Just Treatment—Law Covers the Case Their Attorneys Assert.

(By Associated Press.)

LOUISVILLE, KY., August 1.—United States Commissioner Cassin today held J. H. Scott, Chief Train Dispatcher of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Co., in \$300 bond to answer at the October term of the United States District Court for alleged violation of the Oardman law.

The Oardman act which applies to employees engaged moving of interstate commerce, provides that no employer or his agent shall require any agreement from an employee to abstain from joining a labor union; that no employer shall be threatened with loss of employment for joining or remaining a member of a union and that no employee or applicant for employment shall be black-listed against for affiliating with a union.

Members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers filed the complaint and testified that Scott had violated all of the provisions of the act. Scott testified that certain acts complained of were done by direction of his superiors.

Attorneys for the defense set up the plea that telegraphers are not instrumentalities of interstate commerce under the meaning of the act. The attorneys for the telegraphers cited against this contention pleas that telegraphers are made co-employees of trainmen by railroads in defending damage suits brought for injuries by telegraphers.

The penalty for violation of the Oardman act is a fine of \$100 to \$1,000 for each offense.

BLONDE WOMAN TELLS OF HARTJE'S VISITS

Keeper of a Rooming House Asserts That Millionaire Paid Rent for a Boarder.

TWO OF HIS DETECTIVES JAILED

Madine Goes on the Stand and Declares That He Never Saw or Owned the Disputed Letters—He Causes Arrest of the Sleuths—Love Missives an Old Story.

(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURG, PA., August 1.—

Probably the most sensational incidents and testimony in the Hartje divorce case in the five weeks it has been running were brought out today when Alma Ross, the mysterious "blonde" who kept a rooming house, swore that Augustus Hartje and Josephine Wright frequently met at the Ross woman's house.

The Ross woman also said the Wright woman brought him there and introduced him, and said that the house at which she had been living was too public and too close to the Hartje warehouse.

Hartje Paid the Rent.

The Ross woman said Hartje paid Josephine Wright's room rent thereafter. When the witness pointed out Hartje in the court-room Hartje smiled.

Hartje a few days ago testified that he did not know Josephine Wright and never visited her. The Wright woman testified that she did not know Hartje.

Madine Denies Owning Letters.

The issue as to the disputed love letters in the Hartje divorce case was defined today when "Tom" Madine, the coachman who is named as the co-respondent in the case testified that the letters which the private detectives said were taken from his trunk never were in that receptacle.

Mrs. Hartje testified that she wrote only two letters to Susie Wagner and denied telling Blanche Ashby what amount of money she should give to her.

Two Detectives Arrested.

Detectives H. G. Staubb and John A. Anderson who testified that they took the famous "love letters" from "Tom" Madine's trunk, were arrested at the court-house on an information sworn out by Madine before Alderman F. M. King, charging them with entering a building with intent to commit a felony and larceny.

They were released on bonds of \$2,000 each, furnished by Edward Hartje, a brother of Augustus Hartje.

The hearings of Augustus Hartje, J. L. Welshons and Clifford Roce on a charge of conspiracy growing out of the divorce case was set for today but District Attorney Robb again asked a postponement and Alderman King decided to wait until after the divorce case is concluded.

Reporter Tells About Letters.

Just before the adjournment of the Hartje divorce trial today Fred Long, a newspaper man, was called to the stand by John Freeman, of counsel for Mrs. Hartje. Long testified that Attorney Marron of Hartje's counsel told him in February of a number of letters in possession of the Hartje lawyers.

This was a few months before Fisher, Hartje's brother-in-law, said he had told counsel of their existence. This was also months before Madine's trunk was broken open and from which the letters were alleged to have been taken, which was in June.

Attorney Marron became angered at Long's testimony and threatened the newspaper man with violence after court adjourned. Marron is expected to go on the stand tomorrow.

A woman's idea of a perfect gentleman is any man who agrees with her.

IOWA REPUBLICANS FOR TARIFF CHANGES

Governor Cummins Is Renominated Without the Expected Bitter Contest.

OTHER FACTION BADLY ROUTED

Platform in the Usual Way Endorses the Acts of the Party, But Has the Temerity to Come Out and Demand Reciprocity, Even After G. O. P. Congress Has Refused to Act.

(By Associated Press.)

DES MOINES, IA., Aug. 1.—Governor Albert B. Cummins today was renominated for reelection by the Republican State convention on the first ballot in a harmonious session that belied all prognostications of a possible split in the State party over the selection of the head of the State ticket.

A full State ticket was named, most of the candidates being nominated by acclamation.

All strife appeared to have died from the ranks of the opposing factions of Iowa Republicans for the time being.

Tariff Plank in Platform.

The tariff plank in the platform adopted reads as follows:

"We are in favor of a maritime system of protection. Duties on foreign imports should not be levied for revenue only, but should be so adjusted as to promote our domestic interests, enlarge our foreign markets, secure remunerative prices for the products of our factories and farms and maintain a superior standard of wages and standard of living for American labor."

"Wise and unselfish tariff laws, maintained for our general welfare, equally opposed to foreign control and domestic monopoly, are essential to our commercial and industrial prosperity."

Favors Changes in Tariff.

"We believe all inequalities in the tariff schedules, which inevitably arise from changing industrial and commercial conditions should be adjusted from time to time, and condemning without reserve all assaults upon the protective system we favor such reasonable and timely changes as will keep the tariff in harmony with our industrial and commercial progress."

"We favor the reciprocity program, inaugurated by Blaine, advocated by McKinley and Roosevelt and recognized in Republican platforms and legislation."

DEMOCRATS NAME BUFFALO.

Hearst Men Are Confident of His Victory.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—The Democratic State Committee today voted to hold the next State convention at Buffalo on September 25.

Before the meeting of the committee William J. Connors, of Buffalo, said that the meeting of the Independence League here yesterday would not affect William R. Hearst's chances for the gubernatorial nomination by the regular State convention.

"We will go ahead and nominate Hearst anyhow," said Mr. Connors. "Nothing can prevent Hearst's nomination."

Norman E. Mack, of Buffalo, member of the Democratic National Committee of this State, spoke in the same way.

There was not a vote of any kind at the meeting. The Hearst men, however, were jubilant over the selection of Buffalo as the place for holding the convention.

Editor Named for Congress.

(By Associated Press.)
CHARLESTON, W. VA., August 1.—The Third District Democratic Convention today nominated George C. Byrne, formerly editor of the Charleston Gazette, for Congress without opposition.

No Harmony in West Virginia.

KEYSER, W. VA., Aug. 1.—The Second West Virginia Republican Convention at Keyser today nomi-

nated George Sturgis, of Morgantown for Congress by acclamation. Excitement was caused by bitter attack by John J. Hetzel, of Martinsburg, leader of the Berkeley county delegation against United States Senator Elkins.

MOCK BATTLE TO BE FOUGHT.

Regulars and Guardsmen to Enact a Real Warfare.

(By Associated Press.)

CHATTANOOGA, Aug. 1.—A council of war was held last night on the historic battlefield of Chickamauga but this time it was to decide the movement of troops in time of peace theoretically preparing for war.

As a result four regiments of infantry, the Seventieth United States, Seventy First Virginia, Third South Carolina and Second Alabama, today marched as near the eastern edge of the military reservation as possible, each under the supervision of two regular officers.

Supposed to be nearing an enemy a strong advance guard was thrown out in accordance with technical rules. This afternoon the process was reversed, the commands marching in retreat, protected by rear guard, the cavalry engaged in reconnoitering duties. The artillery took the field and the engineers engaged in camp construction.

All this work is leading up to a "battle" on Friday.

BUTTON WINS FIGHT.

State Supreme Court Decides in His Favor and Against Commission.

(By Associated Press.)

RICHMOND, VA., August 1.—The supreme court of appeals this morning, in the case of Button against the corporation commission, sustained the appointment of Button as insurance commissioner by the general assembly, and issued a mandamus compelling the commission to permit him to qualify.

The court simply stated its decision and will render its opinion at the next term.

2-CENT RATE FOR STATE

Corporation Commission to Demand Cheap Fares.

RAILROADS HAVE THREE MONTHS

Order Does Not Go Into Effect Until

November 1—Board Considers That its Powers is Even Greater Than the Legislature.

(Special to the Daily Press.)

RICHMOND, VA., Aug. 1.—Taking the matter into its own hands, the Corporation Commission this morning issued a summons to every railroad company operating in Virginia to appear before the commission November 1, to show why they should not put into force the provisions of the order of the commission, which is practically the same as the Churchman two cent rate bill and which provides for a uniform passenger rate on every line in the Commonwealth.

As will be remembered, the Corporation Commission last week declared the Churchman bill unconstitutional, stating that it alone had the power to promulgate such a bill and order.

Yesterday Attorney General Anderson, on behalf of the Commonwealth, filed with the Supreme Court of Appeals of this State an appeal from the decision of the commission in the passenger rate bill matter.

In the meantime, the commission regards its right to issue the order as a foregone conclusion and will attempt to force the roads to comply with what are essentially the provisions of the Churchman bill.

Farmers and Miners Fight.

(By Associated Press.)

CALUMET, MICH., Aug. 1.—Fighting farmers today attacked miners protected by sheriffs and deputies at the Michigan mines. One man was killed, another fatally shot and many wounded. Forty men were arrested.

EXPLOSION IN MINE BLOWS UP A VILLAGE

Gas Coming up Through Crevices of the Earth Ignited by a Lamp in Dwelling.

MAN AND ONE YOUNG GIRL DEAD

Town in Total Darkness, as the Residents Dare Not Have Lights on Account of the Escaping Fumes From the Damaged Workings—Two Houses Are Ruined.

(By Associated Press.)

WILKESBARRE, PA., Aug. 1.—A terrific explosion occurred in the mine of the Warrior Run Coal Company at Warrior Run, near here, today, and John Shumaker, a miner, was instantly killed.

Through crevices formed on the surface by the explosion the gas escaped from the workings below into the house situated over the mine, and, coming into contact with a lighted lamp in the house of John Williams, caused another explosion which resulted in the death of his daughter, Margaret, 16 years old.

The settling of the earth also affected the water mains of the village and as a consequence the home of Williams and an adjoining house were destroyed by the resultant blaze.

Tonight the town is in total darkness as the escaping gas makes the use of lights extremely hazardous. From stagnant pools in and about the city, many hundreds of men are carrying water in an attempt to smother incipient blazes in various directions. The heroic workers are making little progress in their endeavors to suppress the flames and the residents are alarmed for fear a fire may be communicated to a dwelling in the event of which the entire town will be in danger of destruction.

THAW WINS HIS MOTHER OVER TO HIS OWN VIEWS

Prisoner Will Stand Trial and Hope for Freedom Under the "Unwritten Law."

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—Yielding to the persuasion of her son, Harry K. Thaw, Mrs. William Thaw today dispensed with the services of the firm of Black, Oelcott, Gruber & Bonynge, whom she had retained to conduct the defense of the young man on the charge of murdering Stanford White. This is taken to mean that his plea of "not guilty" will stand and that emotional insanity and evidence going to show justification under the "unwritten law" will be relied upon to secure acquittal. It is understood that Mr. Hartridge does not intend to conduct the case single-handed. He has been in daily consultation for a week with prominent criminal lawyers.

Mrs. William Thaw and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, together drove from a hotel to the Tombs prison today to see Harry K. Thaw.

It was reported today that Mrs. Stanford White and her daughter sailed for Europe today on the steamer Baltic. Another passenger on the Baltic was Charles F. McKim, of the firm of McKim, Mead & White, of which Stanford White was a member.

CROTON OIL IN WHISKEY.

Two Men Drink Concoction and Are Dying.

(By Associated Press.)

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Aug. 1.—Thomas Calloway and Fred Walters, employed at a livery stable here, are in a dying condition from drinking whiskey given to them by Arthur Kline, an employee of a business rival. Kline has been arrested.

Investigation shows that croton oil was mixed with the whiskey. What prompted the act is not known.

Stabs His Wife.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—During a quarrel at their home in Harlem today Martin Schnable, 34 years old, a mail wagon driver, probably fatally stabbed his wife with a carving knife. Mrs. Schnable asked her husband for twenty-five cents to repay a loan from a neighbor and the quarrel resulted.